and sobemoviruses] <u>brome mosiac viruses, rice necrosis viruses and gemini viruses</u>.

REMARKS

The present Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is in response to a telephone conference between the Examiner and Albert P. Halluin, attorney for applicants, on November 30, 1993.

I. <u>Amendment To Claim 79</u>

Applicants presently amend claim 79, limiting the claim to specific viruses identified in the Specification. <u>See</u> Specification, page 18-21. Applicants note, however, that all of the viruses previously claimed in claim 79 are (+) sense, single stranded RNA viruses and therefore all fall within the scope of the presently claimed invention. <u>See</u> Goldbach, <u>New Aspects Of Positive-Strand RNA Viruses</u> (M. Brinton & F. Heinz, ed.), American Society for Microbiology, Washington, D.C. pp.3-11 (1990).

II. Antecedent Basis For September 30, 1993 <u>Amendment To Sequence Listing</u>

During Applicants' telephone conference, the Examiner questioned the antecedent basis for the amendment to SEQ ID NO. 7 in Applicants' AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES filed September 30, 1993. This amendment added a single base to the transit peptide portion of SEQ ID NO: 7 which was inadvertently omitted from the original disclosure. The antecedent basis for the September 30, 1993 amendment to SEQ ID NO: 7 appears in the transit peptide sequence portion of SEQ ID NO: 9. Copies of

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07/739,143. Express abandonment of the '143
application will obviate the possibility of a
provisional double-patent rejection in the above-
captioned application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the present amendment and remarks,
Applicants earnestly believe that the instant
application is in condition for allowance and
respectfully request that the Examiner allow the
instant application to proceed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,
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